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IN TRIBUTE TO LORNA M.
SHAWANO

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lorna M. Shawano who was Tribal Secretary for the Forest County Potawatomi Community for 26 years.

Ms. Shawano was involved in securing the approvals of the gaming compacts from the State of Wisconsin. The gaming compacts fostered the growth of the Forest County Potawatomi from operating a modest bingo hall to a nationally recognized entertainment center. During Ms. Shawano's tenure, the Potawatomi successfully developed a casino and hotel in Milwaukee. Today, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino welcomes more than 6 million guests annually and has 2,700 team members and eighty-five percent of those employees reside in Milwaukee County. It opened in 1991 as Potawatomi Bingo with a 2,500 seat bingo hall and approximately 300 team members. She is especially proud of their inclusive hiring practices. In fact, over half of the team members working at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino are minority.

Under her tenure as Secretary, the Forest County Potawatomi experienced tremendous economic growth and increased sovereignty. Ms. Shawano was involved with successful efforts to stop a proposed sulfide mine that would have polluted the Tribe's air, water and land; she also played a part in the 15 year successful efforts by the Tribe to obtain the sovereign right to protect the air over its reservation which involved multiple levels of government. Lorna also served on the Crandon Indian Education and Mining Impact Boards.

Ms. Shawano's work as Tribal Secretary with the rest of the Executive Council, and the Tribe as a whole, has made the Forest County Potawatomi Community into the strong, successful, and respected tribe that it is today. While Lorna will no longer serve as Tribal Secretary, the leadership she has shown over the years will allow the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe to continue to move forward.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Lorna Shawano, along with her 3 children and of 8 grandchildren. She has lived on the Stone Lake Reservation for nearly 45 years. I am proud to call her friend. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin are privileged to have someone of

her ability and dedicated service working so diligently for so many years. I am honored for these reasons to pay tribute to Lorna M. Shawano, for serving as Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Secretary for 26 years.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "CULTIVATING REVITALIZATION BY EXPANDING AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND EXPORTS (CREAATE) ACT"

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Cultivating Revitalization by Expanding American Agricultural Trade and Exports Act, or simply the "CREAATE Act." For decades, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) export promotion programs have helped American farmers create, expand, and maintain access to foreign markets.

The goal of the CREAATE Act is simple—to reassert the importance of the Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development Program (FMD) to America's agricultural producers and our economy as a whole. These important programs provide the U.S. agricultural community with the tools needed to retain its edge in an increasingly competitive global economy.

MAP and FMD are two of the most impactful USDA export promotion programs, and statutory funding each program has been static since the 2002 Farm Bill. However, those funds have been practically eroded in recent years by inflation, administrative costs, and sequestration. Meanwhile, America's competitors have ramped up their own export promotion programs, creating additional competition in the international marketplace. For example, the European Union spends more for the promotion of wine (\$255.36 million in 2017 alone) than the U.S. spends on the promotion of all commodities through both the MAP and FMD programs. If this trend continues, American producers will be severely disadvantaged in the global marketplace.

Throughout their history, these successful public/private partnerships have cultivated hundreds of billions of dollars in exports, and created millions of American jobs, both in the agriculture sector and in support industries. Without these programs, it is very likely that the United States would not be the net agricultural exporter that we are today.

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
OF NEW YORK OUR COMMUNITY
SALUTES HONOREE LIST

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to 42 exemplary young men and women from the First Congressional District of New York who have chosen to serve our country in various branches of the Armed Forces of the United States. These

courageous individuals will be dedicating at least their immediate future to the security and welfare of their fellow citizens. I admire their strong sense of patriotism and desire to protect our values and make certain we remain the great nation we are today.

Each of the following students has my deepest appreciation for their service to this country and I ask my colleagues to join me in personally recognizing:

US Army, Liam Clifton, Bellport High School; US Army, Alejandro Freire, William Floyd High School; US Army, Marcus Glenn, Longwood High School; US Army, Francisco Hernandez, Bellport High School; US Army, Brandon Lech, Bellport High School; US Army, Bailey Meyer, Eastport South Manor High School; US Army, Robert Napadano, William Floyd High School; US Army, Julio Robles, Longwood High School; US Army, Bryan Staker, Longwood High School; US Army, Nicholas Vallejos, Bellport High School; US Army, Jenna Vaughn, Bellport High School; US Army, Aaron Vogel, Eastport South Manor High School; US Army, James Welsh, Patchogue-Medford High School.

US Marines, Chris Ballas, William Floyd High School; US Marines, Thomas Callaghan, Longwood High School; US Marines, Tyler Cerce, Longwood High School; US Marines, Shane Hobel, William Floyd High School; US Marines, Freddy Kaucky, William Floyd High School; US Marines, Matt Lovett, William Floyd High School; US Marines, Bryan Lucero, Patchogue-Medford High School; US Marines, Brandon Maher, Patchogue-Medford High School; US Marines, Kevin Mardjani, Center Moriches High School; US Marines, Joselino Molina, Center Moriches High School; US Marines, Shaun Muller, Patchogue-Medford High School; US Marines, Andrew Passaro, William Floyd High School; US Marines, Gerardo Perez, Longwood High School; US Marines, Steven Rice, William Floyd High School; US Marines, Vinny Roxburgh, William Floyd High School; US Marines, Joseph Slawinski, Center Moriches High School; US Marines, Gareth Walsh, Center Moriches High School; US Marines, Carlie Wegley, William Floyd High School.

US Navy, Samantha Braband, Patchogue-Medford High School; US Navy, Tyler Classic, Longwood High School; US Navy, Matthew Fields, Patchogue-Medford High School; US Navy, Noah Giron, Bellport High School; US Navy, Saniya Joyner, William Floyd High School; US Navy, Quincy Morgenstond, William Floyd High School; US Navy, Darrion Negron, Bellport High School; US Navy, Matthew Pfisterer, Bellport High School; US Navy, Gabriel Schrage, Center Moriches High School.

US Air Force, Isaiah Tavarez, Longwood High School.

Air National Guard, Mike Insogna, Eastport South Manor High School.

These enlistees will be recognized on May 18, 2017 during the third annual "Our Community Salutes Brookhaven Town Enlistee Ceremony" at Sunset Harbor in Patchogue, NY.

Mr. Speaker, we should be extremely grateful as both a people and nation to each and every one of these individuals. Their call to duty cannot be underscored or admired enough and it is my distinct honor and privilege to represent them and their families in the First Congressional District of New York. I wish them the best of luck in their respective branches and in all of their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. BARES'S
3RD GRADE CLASS

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bright young artists in Mrs. Bares's 3rd grade class at Houghton Elementary in White Lake, Michigan.

I know that artists get their start long before high school and college, learning to expand their imagination and foster their creativity in classrooms just like Mrs. Bares's.

In an effort to highlight young artists from across Michigan's 11th Congressional District, this year, I announced the 1st Annual "Color my Capitol" Program.

Brimming with talent, Mrs. Bares's students were eager to showcase their amazing artistic skills and take part in this one-of-a-kind program.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Bares's 3rd graders did not disappoint. Their creations are unique, innovative, and imaginative. Their colorful artwork embodies our country's bright and promising future with these sharp young minds leading the way.

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IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN PATRICK LYNN PATTY AS THE ROBERT JACKSON EURY MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kannapolis Police Captain Patrick Lynn Patty for receiving the Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award.

A native of North Carolina, Captain Patty has served with the Kannapolis Police Department in North Carolina's 8th Congressional District since 1994. Throughout his career, Captain Patty has served as a Patrol Officer, Field Trainer, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Field Operation Bureau Captain and now commands the Support Services Bureau. Captain Patty's outstanding leadership and commitment in these roles for the Kannapolis Police Department made him stand out in our community. Additionally, Captain Patty put his life on the line for our nation, serving four years as an Airborne Infantry Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division of the US Army.

This award is presented in memory of Robert Jackson Eury, a man who lost his life in line of duty while serving as a Cabarrus County law enforcement officer. This award keeps Mr. Eury's legacy alive through officers who share his same admirable and commendable spirit in Cabarrus County. Based on his career of service, I would say Captain Patty fits the mold of esteemed law enforcement officers in our community set by Robert Eury.

There is no doubt in my mind that Captain Patty will continue his outstanding leadership and maintain his unwavering values while protecting the people of Cabarrus County. I am excited to see what the future holds for such a dedicated officer.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Captain Patrick Patty as the Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award recipient and wish him well as he continues to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE FRANK WOLF

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to use this time to honor my former boss and mentor, the Honorable Frank Wolf, who has dedicated much of his life to public service as he represented the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District for 34 years.

Congressman Frank Wolf was at the forefront of many important issues for over three decades. He was a leader in bringing metro rail to Dulles and worked in a bipartisan manner on numerous transportation initiatives. He also assumed a leading role in addressing the mounting problem of gang violence in Northern Virginia and helped secure funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. And while he clearly played a crucial and prominent role in a variety of issues affecting the Commonwealth of Virginia, arguably, his most signature achievements have stemmed from his leadership on humanitarian issues abroad.

He has been a tireless and zealous crusader for oppressed religious minorities and was the conscience of the Congress on human rights and religious liberty. As co-chair of the bipartisan House Human Rights Caucus, Congressman Wolf made it his mission to be the voice of the voiceless and shed light upon the plight of millions of people persecuted because of their religion. Since departing from Congress, Mr. Wolf has continued to carry the torch of religious freedom, with his passionate advocacy, as he leads the 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative to create a world where religious freedom is recognized by nations across the globe as a fundamental human right.

Congressman Wolf's efforts to raise awareness for the voiceless also extended to the innocent victims of human trafficking. In Congress, he worked with local elected officials and law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth in spearheading initiatives to eradicate human trafficking. He also took steps to educate the public about this largely unknown problem and increase community involvement in aiding the victims of these horrific crimes. In recognition of these valiant strides, he was selected as the 2014 Lifetime Pathbreaker Award recipient.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the legacy of Congressman Wolf, as we recognize his many contributions. We cannot thank him enough for services he provided to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to our country. I look forward to his continued

contributions in promoting religious freedom and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING ADINA & LAWRENCE
GARBUZ

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two people who have left an indelible mark on the New Rochelle community, Adina and Lawrence Garbuz. This year, Young Israel of New Rochelle are honoring Adina and Lawrence for all they have done on behalf of the community, and you cannot find two individuals more deserving of the honor.

Whether to YINR, SAR or most importantly their family, Adina and Lawrence demonstrate by example what it means to help others. They moved to New Rochelle in 2002 and immediately became involved in the YINR community. In addition to currently serving on the YINR Executive Board as Treasurer, Adina has held multiple positions in all areas of our shul. Adina has served as Women's League President and Treasurer after being involved in the New Mother's committee as well as more than once spearheading the mishloach manot project. Her sound advice and perspective made her a perfect choice for the Board, and Executive Board.

Lawrence has also found his own way to connect to YINR, forging a strong friendship and learning partnership with Rabbi Fink as well as attending for many years daf yomi. He also assisted the Men's Club, helped organize the very successful Saturday night ping pong tournaments and for many years distributed mishloach manot in Brooklyn. He is also often called upon to handle sensitive matters for our members who are in need of his professional expertise.

In addition to Adina and Lawrence's commitment to YINR, they are supporters of their alma mater Cardozo Law School, the Bronx Jewish Community Council, and the Joint Distribution Committee. But their strongest commitment is to their four children Ella, Liav, Jonah and Eva whom they raise with their strong values of giving to others and to one's community.

Adina and Lawrence have shown a tireless dedication to both YINR and the neighborhood. On this special occasion, I want to take the opportunity to thank them for that tireless effort, and congratulate them on receiving this most distinguished honor.

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